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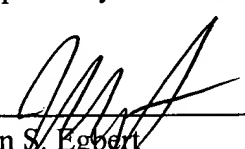
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RESPONSE "B"

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 4, 2003, a response being due by September 4, 2003, please consider the following:

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Response, previous Claims 4 - 5 remain in this case. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present remarks are intended to distinguish the present invention from the cited prior art.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over the Bertrand publication. The Examiner has noted that "Bertrand is silent as to a silver content of 0.006 - 0.010%. The reference does not expressly disclose the use of a plurality of positive and negative grids". According to the Examiner, "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ a silver content of 0.006 - 0.010%."

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